

Citing a Recorded Television Program

Be sure to include all of the following elements, in the order below, IF you have them. If not, skip over them and include as much information as you do have available.

Basic Format:

“Episode Name.” *Series Name*, written by Writer(s), directed by Director(s),

season/series #, episode #, Distributor, Date of distribution/original release.

Usually the year of original release is all you need. If, however, you are trying to show the historical context in which the episode originally aired, list the entire date given in MLA order.

If the episode is on DVD, include the disc number at the end of the citation.

Real Examples:

“The Big Salad.” *Seinfeld*, written by Larry David, directed by Andy Ackerman,

series 6, episode 2, Columbia TriStar Television Distribution, 29 Sept. 1994.

“Episode One.” *Downtown Abbey*, written by Julian Fellowes, Shelagh Stephenson

and Tina Pepler, directed by Brian Percival, season 1, episode 1, Carnival

Films, 2010, disc 1.